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EQUIPMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An exemplary equipment information system and method are provided that allow equipment inventory to be efficiently and effectively tracked, monitored, and evaluated. A method for managing equipment information is provided that includes storing attributes of a piece of equipment in an equipment information database when the equipment is received at a central inventory location, adding an indication in the equipment information database that the equipment is available inventory, receiving an order for equipment needed at a service center that is of the same type as the equipment, and allocating inventory to the order based on available inventory in the equipment information database. The method may further provide shipping the equipment for the order to the service center, installing the equipment, updating the equipment information database to indicate that the equipment has been installed, removing the equipment, updating the equipment information database that the equipment has been removed, and shipping the equipment to the central inventory location.

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